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From January 15th to February 15th, 1953, the Great Ascens- Temple at Luxor, in Egypt, will be the Host to the Members of the Great White Brotherhood and those individuals who choose to accept the opportunity of visiting this Retreat in consciousness and absorbing the gifts of Light, Freedom and Purity which form the Atmosphere and Power of this Retreat.

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Before the final cataclysm that was to carry the remaining islands of Atlantis beneath the waves, the High Priests of the Temples were notified by the Spiritual Hierarchy to gather together all the priceless treasures from the Temples in which they officiated and load them into the vessels that rode anchor in the placid harbors.

Thus the preparation for the exodus of the Illuminati and the Spiritual Culture of Atlantis began. Quietly and leisurely, the Guardians of the Atlantean Era prepared for the final hour when they would be required to leave their Island Home and journey to far distant lands, each group proceeding according to sealed orders which the Leader carried upon his person but which were not to be opened until the fateful moment of departure had come.

Among these High Priests was the Master whom We know as Serapis Bey. North, east, south and west were the chosen ones to sail, each with a portion of the heritage of the Great Atlantean Culture, each toward a haven of safety where the Light and Power and Knowledge might be secured for the generations yet to come. Over one hundred vessels were prepared, and no less than forty persons were chosen to go with the High Priest in every such vessel.

Finally, the Great Moment Came. The Priests and their companions left Their Temples and bidding each other good bye turned their faces toward the point which was designated in their individual orders. Soon the vessels passed from sight of each other and Their Lovely Home.

The galleon of Serapis Bey and his forty companions sailed eastward, coming finally after many days to the mouth of the River Nile in the land of Egypt. Following the carefully drawn course set forth for them, they proceeded up the Nile to the vicinity of Luxor, where they dis-embarked. Kneeling around the blazing brazier that held still the glowing embers from the Immortal Fire on the Alter of the Home Temple, Serapis and his companions breathed

on the smouldering sparks until the Fire leapt up renewed and warmed their hearts and spirits with the memories of a Loved Land, a culture, a Home they would see no more, except in the light of memory or the softly moving folds of Akasha on certain spiritual occasions when a Great One should choose to re-vivify the glory of That Day. Thus, did Serapis and the Forty Chosen Ones breathe into The Flame the first pulsation of their Own Life and Breath. This Flame has endured unto this present day and forms the White and Golden Ascension Flame in the Heart of the Retreat at Luxor.

As they knelt so, the earth beneath their feet shook violently and the river swelled mightily overflowing her banks, and the Priests and their attendants bowed their heads, knowing that in that moment, as the Flame leaped upward, somewhere to the westward the sea had fulfilled the prophesies and Atlantis, Jewel of the Sun, with all her children, had been claimed into the purifying waters of the Great Ocean which still bears Her Name. Thus birth and death alike rose in waves of tumultuous feeling in the breasts of the Keepers of the Flame and sadness tinged the worship of the New Fire of Hope that lived on the breath of these pilgrims from the Homeland, and Luxor - as a focus of Light - was born.

After a time, the radiation of the Brotherhood drew about them natives of the country, and they builded the first Temple on the design of their Atlantean architecture. The spiritual knowledge and works of The Brothers spread across the land of Egypt, and the peoples adopted the Temple Worship as their own. Century after century, the Great Hierarch or one or more of His Disciples returned, re-embodying and assuming anew the Office of High Priest and increasing the power and concentrated essence of The Flame. The one pointedness of Their Lives and the Purity of The Flame, together with Its Momentum from Atlantis, made it known throughout the entire spiritual world that the Temple at Luxor offered particular opportunity for all those interested enough in their freedom to endure the disciplines required to abide therein to shorten the length of the earth journey and accelerate the hour of the union between the outer self and the God Self.

Here, on the banks of the Nile, everyman is invited to stand in The Presence of the Hierarch of Luxor, enter the heart of the Ascension Flame, and prepare to meet His Own Godself face to face and come into oneness with Its Purpose, Its Design Its Service through the outer personality.

After entering the Temple at Luxor and being shown to the private room, each visitor is summoned before the Hierarch for a personal interview. At Inner Levels, the Master Serapis is the directing Intelligence of the Fourth Sphere. In this Great Sphere, the Higher Mental Bodies or Christ Selves of the greater number of the human race abide, awaiting the hour when They can assume the authority over the outer personal self and fulfill their God Plan. Serapis, therefore, is so well acquainted with the Divine Self of each applicant and knows full well what the Spiritual Pattern and Destiny is for each personal ego who has the temerity to stand before Him. The measure of development of the personal self and the clear picture of the Christ Self are registered in His Consciousness simultaneously, during the interview and the particular type of Bridge (training, discipline, instruction and purification) required to draw this Inner Christ Self and the outer personality together is here designed by the Master and given to one of the Brothers who is assigned the responsibility to see that the student is given the opportunity to develop according to the Hierarch's plan. This tutelage is done entirely from "behind the veil" and the neophite is never conscious of a teacher at any time. He is forced back into communion with the

Godself within his own heart and made to rely upon its promptings at all times. The circumstances that seem to "happen" are, of course, carefully planned to give him the opportunity to gain mastery through self control and initiative. Only those who are able to move forward according to the promptings of the God self are allowed to remain. The others, after a given time, are asked to withdraw. It is a particuliar fact that, although the Membership at the Luxor Temple has always been smaller than at any other Retreat on the earth, the interest of the people has always been turned toward It by reason of Its Reputation for Discipline and Training. It is the hope of Its Great Hierarch that the people of earth may ENJOY this month at Luxor, and the explanations of The Law which are behind the disciplines which form the Vow of the Neophite and - understanding the Law - be eager to comply with it and thus gain their individual victory in the Light.

May the Light of Luxor and the Glory of the Ascension Flame be **yours** during this time, and through you each one flood the earth with the knowledge of the Power of Light and Love as the Master Control of Energy in every realm, sphere, and octave in the earth, upon its surface, or in its upper atmosphere.

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